

FISCAL NOTE

SB 762 - HB 1781

April 2, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires hospitals to admit or accommodate each patient who is delivered by ambulance within 30 minutes of such patient's arrival. A hospital can be fined a civil penalty of \$1,000 per 30 minute delay.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$50,000

Increase State Revenues – Exceeds \$50,000

A more precise cost estimate is not possible because the Department of Health has not provided any information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.

Assumptions:

- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities will need additional resources to implement the bill and investigate complaints that will arise from the provisions of the bill. The Board will also incur an increase in expenditures for the administrative costs associated with the collection of fines assessed on hospitals. Such is estimated to increase expenditures by an amount which exceeds \$50,000.
- All health related boards, by statute, are self supporting such that revenues equal expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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